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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PINS, BC, RH
SUBJECT: BOTSWANA BORDER THREAT

REF: A. GABORONE 496; B. GABORONE 466; C. GABORONE 463

1. GENERATING A FOOTNOTE TO PREVIOUS REPORTING ON THIS SUBJECT, DCM RAISED MATTER MARCH 1 WITH PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY TIBONE.

2. TIBONE SAID GOB REMAINED CONVINCED THAT RHODESIANS INDEED WERE PLANNING LARGE-SCALE MILITARY OPERATION AGAINST BOTSWANA. HE SAID THEIR INFORMATION HAD INCLUDED A SPECIFIC DATE (STILL IN THE FUTURE), AND HAD INDICATED AN AMOUNT OF PLANNING AND PREPARATION THAT COULD ONLY BEFIT A LARGE, COORDINATED STRIKE OF SOME SORT. HE THOUGHT MOST LIKELY TARGET WOULD BE FRANCIS-TOWN REFUGEE CENTER. THE CONCEDED THAT GOB'S PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT MIGHT HAVE CAUSED RHODESIANS TO CANCEL PLANS FOR STRIKE, BUT CONSIDERED IT MORE PROBABLY THAT SUCH

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ACTION WOULD SIMPLY BE POSTPONED UNTIL LATER, LESS ANTICIPATED TIME.

3. TIBONE ENDED THIS PART OF OUR CONVERSATION BY SAYING THAT EVEN IF RHODESIA DOES EVENTUALLY ATTACK, AT LEAST NOW THE BOTSWANA PUBLIC CANNOT SAY THEIR GOVERNMENT HAD NOT GIVEN THEM FAIR WARNING.

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